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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT:** Report of Contact with AECASSOWARY/2 on 15 and 16 June in Washington, D. C.

1. AECASSOWARY/2 was requested to come to Washington to discuss with AECASSOWARY/15 and the AERODYNAMIC case officers the recent legal travel mission to the Ukraine by AECASSOWARY/39. Present at the morning session on 15 June were [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ], and AECASSOWARY/2 and AECASSOWARY/15. [ ] [ ] did not attend the afternoon or the 16 June sessions.

2. A complete debriefing report on AECASSOWARY/39's Redskin mission is being written by AECASSOWARY/15.

3. [ ] gave AECASSOWARY/2 a brief run-down on all the latest developments concerning AECASSOWARY/29. AECASSOWARY/2 stated that as a member of the OUN/z, AECASSOWARY/29 would undoubtedly be stopping off in Manchester, England, to attend the OUN/z conference being held there about 15 July.

4. Ireney SAPRUN. AECASSOWARY/2 feels that Ireney is a witting Soviet agent and that he may in some respect have an interest in the Reverend Orest Kupranets, the Ukrainian Catholic priest now located in Vienna. Father Kupranets comes from the same city in the Ukraine and attended school with Ireney. Ireney mentioned in his debriefing report that he met a Kupranets in June 1944. Father Kupranets arrived in Vienna last year as a replacement for Father Gavlich. AECASSOWARY/2 believes the Soviets are aware of this and have an interest in the priest. Father Kupranets visited in the Ukrainian SSR several years ago, and his mother is still living there. He visited the Soviet Embassy in Vienna several times to arrange for his mother's

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emigration from the UkSSR. According to AECASSOWARY/2 the Soviets probably suspect he is connected with intelligence activities through the Eastern Congregation. Ireney's mother, who is a maid in Father Kupranets' rectory, was aware of Father Kupranets' contacts with AECASSOWARY/27 in Vienna during the Youth Festival in 1959. Father Kupranets helped to address some of the AECASSOWARY/1 Information Bulletins for mailing during the Festival and probably was seen walking in town with AECASSOWARY/27 on several occasions.

AECASSOWARY/2 is of the opinion that Ireney is waiting for a recruitment pitch to be made to him by Western intelligence, and AECASSOWARY/2 feels that the proposition should be made by an American. AECASSOWARY/2 believes that Ireney will respond positively. AECASSOWARY/2 agreed that if the Americans do make a direct pitch to Ireney and he accepts, he should be interrogated under pressure and polygraphed.

Ireney mentioned the names of several individuals in the Ukraine to whom some form of aid should be sent. AECASSOWARY/2 suggested that it might be a good idea to send limited aid in the form of small gift parcels to some of the individuals named and that Ireney should be consulted regarding these parcels to see whom he would recommend as addressees, himself or someone else in the emigration. The case officers are not in agreement with AECASSOWARY/2 on actually sending the parcels. We see no point in sending them.

It is AECASSOWARY/2's opinion that Ireney has been trained by the KGB for intelligence operations. The Soviets are trying to find out what the emigration is up to. They know that tourists are being sent into the USSR with intelligence missions, but they cannot figure out what they are doing. AECASSOWARY/2 also believes that the KGB is trying to reach the AIS with Saprun.

AECASSOWARY/2 mentioned that it was possible that Ireney is an unwitting Soviet agent, but he did not feel that this was very probable.

5. AECASSOWARY/2 indicated that there were several individuals in Winnipeg who have recently traveled to the UkSSR (among them a woman who spent about two months in the Ukraine), and three others who are

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still in the Ukraine. One of the individuals, a girl about twenty years old, is an emigrant from the Ukraine. It was suggested that AECASSOWARY/2 have one of his people, other than AECASSOWARY/15, go to Winnipeg to debrief these individuals.

6. In one of the recent issues of the Information Bulletin, the Soviets were challenged to prove that Vasyl Kuk was alive, that is, where was he located, what was he doing, and so forth. A recent issue of Visti z Ukrainy, entitled V Doma U Vasilya Kuka (copy of the article filed in       ), mentions that Kuk is living in Kiev, but the article does not touch upon the suggestion made in the Information Bulletin that Kuk be sent on a lecture tour in the emigration.

7. Dr. Fnu Mohylnysky is now located in Moshi, Kilimanjaro, Tanganyika. AECASSOWARY/2 does not know him personally but has known his wife for about fifteen years. She recently visited in New York, and AECASSOWARY/2 has several conversations with her. The doctor has a private medical practice in Moshi, and he is acquainted with the Catholic bishop there and some of the ministers in Tanganyika and has learned Swahili. He is about fifty-six years old, his wife forty to forty-five. The doctor has been contributing anti-communist articles to the English-language press there, but only recently have several of the articles been published. The doctor and his wife are British subjects. She told AECASSOWARY/2 that she would prefer to live in the United States, but her husband feels he might not be able to obtain a license to practice medicine here and would have difficulty getting re-established at his age. They have four daughters, all born in Tanganyika. The doctor was a prisoner of the Russians in Siberia and later joined Anders Army there. AECASSOWARY/2 suggested to his wife that it might be best for them to stay in Tanganyika and make as many good friends as possible with the native colored population as the country was just beginning to develop. Because his location is so remote, AECASSOWARY/2 was told that we had no special interest in him at the moment, but that contact with him <sup>Sh</sup> would be maintained.

8. Oksana YAKIW. Paul mentioned to AECASSOWARY/2 that AECASSOWARY/29 was planning to brief Oksana before her trip to the USSR this summer and that the station had considered having AECASSOWARY/29 turn her over to a station case officer, but that Headquarters had refused this. AECASSOWARY/2 said Oksana is about twenty-four to twenty-five years old. She is the daughter of very close friends of his.

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Her father, a priest, was born in Stanislav Oblast. They have some friends or relatives living in Lviv. AECASSOWARY/2 said she would be very good for contact operations, but he requested that no American intelligence officer be brought into the picture. Since he introduced AECASSOWARY/29 to her and her parents, they would blame AECASSOWARY/2 for persuading her to work for American intelligence in the event any danger should befall her. An only child, Oksana is much doted upon by her parents, her grandparents, and her great grandmother, all of whom live together.

9. There followed a general discussion on AECASSOWARY/2's plans for FY-1962. He stated that he was not satisfied with the current AECASSOWARY/1 publication program, particularly with the Prologue magazine. AECASSOWARY/2 was told that we were also dissatisfied and wished to see more emphasis put on operations and internal literature distribution, as opposed to English-language literature for a Western audience. AECASSOWARY/2 was advised that his group could better bring the nationalist issue into the public eye by writing for mass distributed publications read by the American and foreign public than by burying its arguments in its own English-language publications. We found ourselves in general agreement.

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